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RAISING A TORNADO PART 1

少年少女漂流記

The Chronicle of The Clueless Age

WHERE'S NAO-TSUGU?
HE LEFT FOR MORNING PRACTICE
MORNING PRACTICE?
BUT HE'S NOT IN ANY CLUBS
I KNOW BUT HE'D GET ANGRY IF I ASKED HIM ABOUT IT FURTHER.
TEENAGERS CAN BE HARD TO DEAL WITH
OK THEN,
EVERYONE, QUIET DOWN NOW.
TODAY'S TOPIC OF DISCUSSION FOR HOME-ROOM,
IS ON "TRUE FRIENDSHIP."

OH, A LOT OF PEOPLE?
HOW ABOUT YOU START OFF THEN?
WELL, LET'S TAKE TURNS THEN STATING OUR OPINIONS
DOES ANYBODY HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?
THE WORDS OF WILLIAM PENN, I SEE
"A TRUE FRIEND UNBOSOMS FREELY, ADVISES JUSTLY, ASSISTS READILY, ADVENTURES BOLDLY, TAKES ALL PATIENTLY, DEFENDS COURAGEOUSLY, AND CONTINUES A FRIEND UNCHANGEABLY."
"TO DOUBT OUR FRIENDS IS MORE SHAMEFUL THAN TO BETRAY THEM."
AH, QUOTING LA ROCHEFOUCAULD I SEE
I'M OF THE SAME OPINION
WELL,
SATOU, HOW ABOUT YOU GO NEXT

I DON'T KNOW BUT THEY'RE ALL TOO THICK
WHY DO YOU HAVE S EYELIN-ERS?
UMM
AH
MAN, I'M SO GOING TO BUY ONE!
WOAH
IT'S A 650CC!
HEY CLASS REP, WE CAN'T YOU HEAR YOU!
SPEAK UP!
IT'S ONO'S DIARY!
GIVE IT BACK!
T-TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS UMM... WHAT
DOESN'T THAT PLACE HAVE BIG CUTLETS?
TRUE... FR
HE SAYS HE WANTS TO DISCUSS TRUE FRIENDSHIP!
FRIEND-SHIP
UMM
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT!?
UM— WHAT CAN ONE DO TO DEVELOP TRUE FRIENDSHIP,
THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT ALL TEENAGERS FACE
HOW CREE-PY!!
REALLY?
I SAW HIM THIS MORNING PRACTICING FOR THIS SPEECH.

THERE GOES RYOUKO AGAIN AS USUAL!
HA HA HA
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT RUBBISH, JUST ANNOUNCE WHO'S ON CLEANING DUTY
WHAT?
WILL BE CLEANING THE SCHOOL-GROUNDS AS WELL
THE PEOPLE ON CLEANING DUTY TODAY,
WELL OK THEN
I FEEL SORRY FOR TAITO HAHA?
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GUESS HE JUST REALLY WANTS A FRIEND EH?
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PRETTY FUNNY COMING FROM HIM CONSIDER-ING HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY
HAHA, TRUE FRIENDSHIP HE SAID
AND THEY ARE

MY NAME IS TAITO NAOTSUGU.
IT SEEMS THAT MY FAMILY NAME "TAITO" USED TO USE A REALLY COMPLEX KANJI BACK IN MY GRAND-MOTHER'S DAY.
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED DRAWING TORNADOES EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE.
I FEEL BETTER WHEN I DRAW MY BULLIES OR OTHER PEOPLE I HATE IN MY TORNADO SKETCHES.
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THIS IS AMAZING!
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A BABY TORNADO!
THIS IS,

YOU'RE THE CLASS REP! YOU CAN'T JUST SKIP OUT ON WORK!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CLEANING THE GATES!
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UM...
BUT...
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TAITO!
I SHOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT...
WHAT A JERK!
HE'S RUNNING AWAY!
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AND SO I DECIDED TO RAISE A BABY TORNADO.

IT'S A CAGE FOR MY PET BIRD I HAD LONG AGO
I FOUND IT!
GO IN
ALRIGHT, FROM TODAY YOUR NAME IS FULITA!
NO HOW ABOUT
KAZE-TAROU
FULITA.
ARE YOU HAPPY?
HAHA!
THIS'LL BE YOUR HOME FROM TODAY
AHAHAHA!
STOP, IT'S MAKING ME CHILLY!
COME HERE, FULITA

AS EXPECTED OF A REAL BABY TORNADO.
IT CAN LIFT UP BITS AND PIECES OF PAPER AND ERASER.
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LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN ATTACHED TO ME, HUH?
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IT COMES TO ME WHEN I CALL IT'S NAME. IT MUST HAVE SOMEHOW RECOGNIZED THAT "FULITA" IS IT'S NAME
FULITA.
BUT IT WOULD SOON COMBINE BACK INTO ONE AGAIN
I COULD SPLIT IT IN HALF BY RUNNING A PENCIL DOWN ITS BODY
AH— IT DIVIDED!

WE'LL BE GOOD FRIENDS, WON'T WE?
FUJITA,
OH, IT SEEMS TO LIKE ME BLOWING AIR INTO IT!
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I WONDER HOW I CAN MAKE FUJITA BIGGER?
HE HAS NO FRIENDS AT ALL!
TRUE FRIEND-SHIP? IS HE AN IDIOT?
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AH
AGHH!
BAD TORNADO! BAD!

I SHOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT
BUT IT'S MY FIRST FRIEND EVER SINCE I ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL.
HE MAY BE A BABY BUT HE'S STILL A TORNADO I SHOULD BE MORE CAUTIOUS WITH IT.
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FUJITA, I'M GOING TO GIVE IT MY ALL TOMORROW AT SCHOOL!
YOU HAVE IO NOW!?
UMM.
THAT'S COOL
WOAH
I SAW IT YESTERDAY!
I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO THINK WHAT TRUE FRIENSHIP IS ABOUT.
FOR TODAY'S HOMEROOM CLASS,
EVERYONE, QUIET DOWN PLEASE!

YES?
AND...
GEORGE WASHING-TON ONCE SAID,
THAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP IS LIKE A TREE THAT TAKES MANY YEARS TO GROW
WELL, LET'S HEAR WHAT NINOMIYA HAS TO SAY
UMM,
AH...
I MAY NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT TRUE FRIENDSHIP, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH TAITO
ISN'T THAT A BIT HARSH?
YEAH, I DON'T WANT TO TALK WITH A CLASS REP WHO EVEN SKIPS OUT ON CLEANING DUTY
ME TOO!
IT SEEMS WE'RE ALL IN AGREE-MENT THEN.

YEAH.
ARE YOU GOING?
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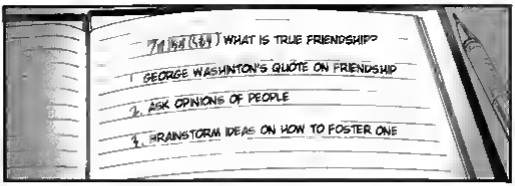
SURE
YOU WANT TO GO FOR SOME NOODLES?
LET'S GO HOME.


WHAT IS TRUE FRIENDSHIP?
1. GEORGE WASHINGTON'S QUOTE ON FRIENDSHIP
2. ASK OPINIONS OF PEOPLE
3. BRAINSTORM IDEAS ON HOW TO FOSTER ONE

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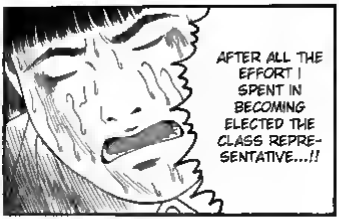
THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF A HOME-ROOM CLASS
IT'S SUP-POSED TO BE A PLACE OF DISCUSSION!


AFTER ALL THE EFFORT I SPENT IN BECOMING ELECTED THE CLASS REPRE-SENTATIVE...!!

THEY'RE ALL A BUNCH OF IDIOTS!
DAMN IT!
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THEY'RE JUST EMPTY-HEADED KIDS WASTING AWAY THEIR YOUTH!

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WHY!
THEY DON'T,
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UNDER-STAND ANYTHING AT ALL!
WHY CAN'T THEY JUST BE FRANK AND OPEN THEIR HEARTS!?
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WHAT'S WRONG DEAR?
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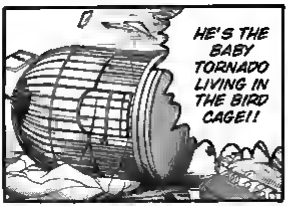
WHAT?

FULITA WHO DID THIS!
IT WAS...

FULITA?


HE'S THE BABY TORNADO LIVING IN THE BIRD CAGE!!

STOP BLAMING ME!!
IT WASN'T ME!

NAO-TSUGU

I SAID SHUT UP!
GO AWAY YOU OLD HAG!!

TORNADO—?
SHUT UP, SHUT UP!!

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THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IS ESTIMATED AT 10 THOUSAND
THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT
IF PEOPLE JUST TALKED, THESE WARS WOULDN'T HAPPEN.
IT'S THE SAME AS MY HOMEROOM CLASS!
HOW FOOLISH OF ME!! I SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT FIRST, OF COURSE!
I GOT IT!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO TEACH YOU OF THE WONDERFUL IMPORTANCE OF A HOMEROOM CLASS!

YES?
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF.
WHAT WAS THAT AGAIN, TAKENAKA?
TAKENAKA,
AND WHY IS THAT?
W...
I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A NEED TO HOLD ANOTHER ELECTION TO DETERMINE A SUITABLE STUDENT TO BE THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.
FOR TODAY'S CLASS,
I PROPOSE A RECALL ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF THE CLASS REP.
BUT SINCE YOU ASKED, I SHALL SAY IT.
I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY THIS,
A RECALL ?

I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN RATHER IRRESPONSIBLE IN YOUR DUTIES AS THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.
WE ARE THE ONLY CLASS THAT HAS YET TO DECIDE ON A TOPIC
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY PROBLEMS AND TASKS UNRESOLVED EVER SINCE YOU BECAME THE CLASS REP,
THE MOST PRESSING OF WHICH IS THE MATTER OF WHAT TO DO FOR OUR CULTURE FESTIVAL.
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WOULD THE PEOPLE WHO WISH FOR ME TO STEP DOWN AS CLASS REP,
WELL THEN,
YEAH!
ALRIGHT, THEN LET'S TAKE A VOTE!
UM...
PLEASE RAISE THEIR HANDS
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ALL I WANTED,
WAS TO TALK SINCERELY WITH PEOPLE,
WHY!
WHY!?
DAMN IT!!
DAMN THEM!
ALL I WANTED WAS A TRUE FRIEND...
DAMN IT ALL TO HELL!

"FRIENDSHIP, OF ITSELF A HOLY TIE, IS MADE MORE SACRED BY ADVERSITY."
-JOHN DRYDEN-
"TWO PERSONS CANNOT LONG BE FRIENDS IF THEY CANNOT FORGIVE EACH OTHER'S LITTLE FAILINGS"
-JEAN DE LA BRUYERE-
"A FRIEND IS ONE WHO KNOWS YOU AND LOVES YOU JUST THE SAME."
-ELBERT HUBBARD-

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IS SOMETHING WRONG DEAR?
FRIENDSHIP IS LIKE FINE WINE BECOMING BETTER WITH TIME
I TOLD YOU, IT WASN'T ME!!
FRIENDSHIP IS THE MOST REALI!!

FRIENDSHI IS...!

HM?
I'M HOME!
HEY...!
IT'S NOT ME...
IT'S NOT MY FAULT..
W-WHAT IS
NAO-TSUGU...!

IT WAS...
FUUTA...